

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

(registered charity in Scotland no. SC045977)

2021 AGM – 30 April 2021

NOTICE

As advised initially on 9 February 2021, there will again be no 'physical' 2021 annual general meeting of the Association and all necessary business is instead being conducted remotely by email.

NECESSARY CONSTITUTIONAL BUSINESS

New arrangements approved by the management committee in 2019 require that certain decisions required by our constitution (such as the election of trustees/committee members, setting of affiliation fees etc.) be voted on in advance, with the results announced and appointments made at the AGM. Voting has taken place and the 'agenda/minutes' papers that follow record the outcomes. All proposals were unanimously approved.

REPORTS

The 'agenda/minutes' and reports by the Chair and Treasurer follow. Questions on any of these papers should be sent in the first instance to treasurer@ddtta.co.uk not later than **7 May**.** If required, responses will be coordinated from the relevant office-bearers and a list of questions and answers circulated to members as soon as possible.

** update (7/5/21) - no questions were received so this document represents the final record of the 'meeting'.

2021 AGM - AGENDA/MINUTES

1 Agenda and Minutes of the 2020 AGM – these can be downloaded or viewed at ddtta.co.uk>News>Minutes and Accounts. These have been available on the website since shortly after last year's meeting with no questions or feedback received.

2 Reports by:

- Chairperson (Appendix 1)
- Treasurer (Appendix 2) – the 2020 report and accounts are available at ddtta.co.uk>News>Minutes and Accounts.

These reports have been updated from the versions circulated with the voting paper.

Questions on either of these reports or the accounts should be submitted, in the first instance, to treasurer@ddtta.co.uk not later than **7 May**. If required, responses will be prepared and a record of the questions and answers will be circulated to all members as soon as possible.

3 Affiliation fees – the result of prior voting on the proposal to set all affiliation fees at no more than the levels approved for 2019/20: **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**.

4 Office-bearers' honoraria – the result of prior voting on the proposal to pay the five 2020/21 office bearers an honorarium of £120: **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**

5 Elections

(a) Hon Presidents and Vice-Presidents – the Management Committee is pleased to confirm that Stewart Clark (Telecoms TTC) has accepted the Committee's invitation to be added to the roll call of Honorary Vice-Presidents. Our congratulations and thanks go to Stewart for his contribution to the Association over many years.

It has been noted that Alastair Stewart passed away in January 2021.

Any member aware of any other amendments that should be made to the names listed in the handbook should notify treasurer@ddtta.co.uk not later than **7 May**.

(b) The results of prior voting on proposals to elect the following trustees/office-bearers:

- Chairperson (Arthur Pritchard) **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**
- Vice Chair (David Sim) **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**
- Hon Secretary (Elaine Forbes) **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**
- Treasurer (David Beveridge) **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**
- Match Secretary (Andrew Hughes) **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**

- Stuart Halliday (Trophy Convener) **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**
- Callum Riddoch **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**
- Emma Bissett **[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]**

(c) The result of prior voting on the proposal to re-elect Owen Smith as independent examiner: [FOR 27; AGAINST 0]

Disappointingly, no nominations were received for coaching convener or for the other vacancies on the committee. The Management Committee may seek to fill these positions under its powers to co-opt.

6 Rules – the result of prior voting to correct Rule 12 to reflect the established practice that changes to rules are voted on by teams: ***[FOR 27; AGAINST 0]***

7 Covid-19 - resuming play – at the time of preparing this material, practice play is expected to restart at Ward Road Gym as soon as roofing and lighting works have been completed, hopefully no later than the week commencing 17 May. A MC sub-committee meeting was held on 12 April 2021 at which a commitment was also made to aim for as full a competitive season in 2021/22 as possible, subject to any ongoing restrictions and guidance issued by TTS. Members will be kept informed via TT365 webmail.

8 Date of 2022 AGM – provisionally, 28 April 2022.

Chairperson's report – April 2021

I think it's safe to say that season 2020/21 has been unlike any other since the inception of DDTA. Covid 19 saw to it that we were unable to totally complete season 2019/20 and since then league table tennis has been non-existent, practice sessions severely limited under the variety of restrictions imposed, and community TT equally limited due to the necessary impositions put in place to prevent the spread of the virus.

Our aim as a committee has been to ensure that we were ready to re-introduce safe practice sessions as soon as possible and, for a period of time, we were able to provide Development Squad sessions at Ward Road (thank you Callum Riddoch), Tuesday and Friday practice sessions for league players, and were able to re-introduce (for a short time) Wednesday and Friday community sessions. In addition we acknowledge the work done at a number of our associate clubs to keep table tennis going.

However, at the time of this report, 2021 lockdown restrictions have meant another cessation of all table tennis. We hope to reintroduce safe practice and Community sessions as restrictions ease and would draw your attention to Item 7 of the agenda in this respect. Hopefully we can also examine a league restart for 2021/22, but this will obviously depend on factors beyond our control.

Lastly I wish to thank those on the committee who spent a great deal of time writing, reading and adapting the national guidance in order to ensure we re-started as much as we could in a prompt fashion. A lot of work went into purchasing the relevant materials, laying out Ward Road, writing relevant guidance to make sure we complied with changing regulations etc. and, although the playing time we had was brief, at least we were able to maximise this due to that work. As a novice Chairperson, in a very difficult year, I am reliant on the advice of wise heads round about me whose work sometimes goes unnoticed. To them I am extremely grateful.

I hope you are all safe and well and that we can return to a degree of normality next season.

Arthur Pritchard
Chairperson

26 April 2021

Treasurer's report – for year ended 31 December 2020

Introduction

The independently examined report and accounts for 2020 are available on the DDTTA website at News>Minutes and Accounts. They have been given a clean report by our independent examiner, Owen Smith, who I thank for his services. These and our annual charity return were submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 11 March 2021. Questions on the report or accounts are welcome but please submit these to treasurer@ddtta.co.uk not later than 7 May 2021.

Outturn and financial position

Despite the pandemic we made a cash surplus of £2,271 in 2020 and had £23,861 in cash and bank balances at the year end. Our reserves continue to exceed our formal policy.

While it seems implausible that we returned a surplus in a year when we collected no affiliation fees, the reasons are straightforward. In March, our main activity reverted to operating as many practice and community TT sessions as restrictions would allow. Most of these sessions generate more income than costs and, with no competition permitted, we spent very little in 2020, for example, on trophies and engraving, tournament fees and coaches to accompany youngsters to major competitions. In addition, we received two grants/donations of £1,000 each, neither of which was expected nor budgeted for.

Affiliation fees/tournament fees

The MC has yet to finalise a decision on affiliation fees for season 2021/22 as this will likely depend, among other things, on whether we are able to offer a 2021/22 competitive season. The membership approved the MC's proposal to set 2021/22 affiliation fees at no more than the levels set for season 2019/20 and, **assuming a competitive season**, the MC has now decided that fees will be set at 2019/20 levels. While there is concern that some members may not return in 2021/22, the MC does not consider that reducing fees would have any significant bearing on the numbers returning to play.

If closed championships are able to be held in 2021/22 it is unlikely that entry fees will be charged.

Conclusion

Our financial position is sound and we have demonstrated that our operating model is resilient, having survived a period of prolonged inactivity without any detrimental impact on our finances.

David Beveridge
Treasurer

26 April 2021